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Now is a great time to take advantage of Michigan's bountiful natural resources. There are more than 95 beautiful state parks throughout Michigan. Residents and visitors alike can enjoy themselves by camping, hiking, picnicking and biking. Beyond our shores, Michigan has coastline on four of the five Great Lakes, more than 11,000 inland lakes, and a vast network of rivers and streams. Enjoy your time on Michigan's waterways by water skiing, rafting, boating, fishing and canoeing. Michigan is truly an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

In addition, Michigan is home to several scenic national parks and recreation areas such as Pictured Rocks and Sleeping Bear Dunes national lakeshores, Isle Royal National Park and the Keweenaw National Historical Park, as well as hundreds of thousands of acres of national forest land.

To make reservations at one of Michigan's state parks or to access maps of state parks and recreation areas, visit the Department of Natural Resources Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Copies of the "Recreation and Camping Guide" as well as information on biking, hiking, boating and fishing are available on the Web site.

This year, look beyond the traditional backyard barbeque and find new ways to enjoy summer in Michigan. Try water skiing, take your children fishing, ride a bike trail or take a hike and make long-lasting family memories. Michigan is a truly beautiful state to explore.

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